The Keeping of Photos Of Young Children

Question

Is it permissible to keep photos of young children, picturing half, or the whole of the body for preserving in a photo album and not for hanging o-n the walls of the house? Please enlighten us in this.

Answer

All praise be to Allah alone and may He send his blessings and peace upon the Messenger, his family and companions. To commence: It is not permissible to keep photographs even if they are not hanged on walls or other such places except for in identity papers, passports, money or other such documents for the need necessitates this. This is due to the words of the Prophet (*Sallallahu alaihi wa salaam*) to Ali (*radiallahu anhu*):

"Do not leave a picture except that you have effaced it".

May Allah bless our Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu alaihi wa salaam), his family and companions and send peace upon them.

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